

In re Application of:

Docket No.: 03500.013892

KEN SAKAKIBARA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/413,642

Examiner: C. Hewitt, II

Filed: October 6, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3621

For: DISTRIBUTED OFFICE SYSTEM AND  
MANAGEMENT METHOD THEREOF

Date: October 7, 2002

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

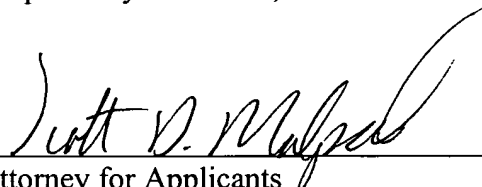
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	38	MINUS	40	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$ -0-
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$42 \$84	\$ -0-
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140°/\$280						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$ -0-

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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PATENT APPLICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please amend Claims 1 and 21 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended  
claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending  
in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for  
the Examiner's convenience.